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Re: Application of Hiroyuki HISAMICHI, Souichirou KAWAZOE, Kazuhito TANABE, Atsushi ICHIKAWA, Akiko ORITA, Takayuki SUZUKI, Kenichi ONDA and Makoto TAKEUCHI
NOVEL HETEROCYCLECARBOXAMIDE DERIVATIVE
Assignee: YAMANOUCHI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q67050

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- an English translation of the International Application.
- Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document
- a Statement to Support Filing and Submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825, with attached 1-page of Sequence Listing and Diskette containing Sequence Listing
- an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- International Search Report, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO form 1449.
- a Preliminary Amendment

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by § 371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$890.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P.Hei. 11-162692	June 9, 1999

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PATENT APPLICATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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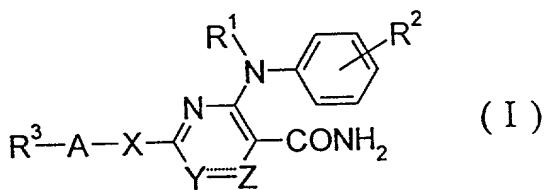
Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, first full paragraph

Namely, the invention relates to a novel heterocyclecarboxamide derivative represented by the following general formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a medicament comprising the same as the active ingredient.



(wherein the symbols in the formula have the following meanings.

A: a lower alkylene which may have substituent(s), an arylene which may have substituent(s), a heteroarylene which may have substituent(s), a cycloalkylene which may have substituent(s), or H;

X: NR⁴, CONR⁴, NR⁴CO, O, or S;

a dotted line between Y and Z: presence (Y=Z) or absence (Y-Z) of a bond;

Y-Z: N(R⁵)-C(O), C(O)-N(R⁵), N(R⁵)-N(R⁵), or C(O)-C(O);

Y=Z: N=C(R⁶), C(R⁷)=N, N=N, or C(R⁷)=C(R⁷);

R¹, R⁴: H, a lower alkyl, -CO-lower alkyl, or -SO₂-lower alkyl;

R²: H, a lower alkyl, a halogen, a lower alkyl substituted by halogen(s), -O-lower alkyl, -S-lower alkyl, -O-aryl, -O-lower alkylene-aryl, -S-lower alkylene-aryl, nitro, cyano, -OCH₂O-, or -(CH=CH-CH=CH)-;

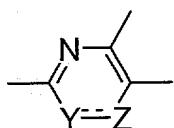
R³: -CO₂H, -CO₂-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CO₂H, -lower alkylene-CO₂-lower alkyl, -CONHOH, -CONHO-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CONHOH, -lower alkylene-CONHO-lower alkyl, -NH₂, -(NH₂ in a prodrug form), -lower alkylene-NH₂, or -lower alkylene-(NH₂ in a prodrug form);

R⁵: H or a lower alkyl group;

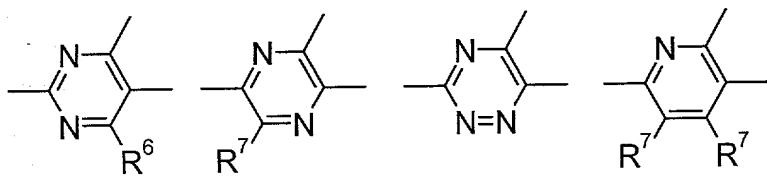
R⁶: a lower alkyl, -OH, -O-lower alkyl, -O-aryl which may have substituent(s), -O-lower alkylene-aryl which may have substituent(s), -NR¹-aryl which may have substituent(s), -CO-lower alkyl, or -aryl group which may have substituent(s);

R⁷: the same or different, H or the same group as R⁶. The same shall apply to the following).

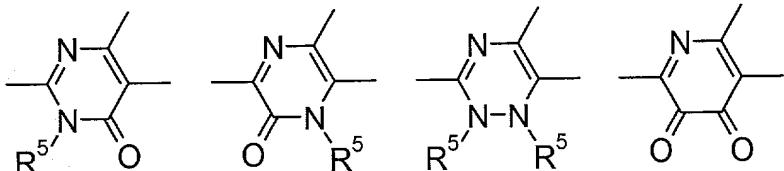
By the way, when Y=Z represents N=C(R⁶), C(R⁷)=N, N=N, or C(R⁷)=C(R⁷) in the formula, the central heterocycle part:



represents any of the following formulae:



and when Y-Z represents $N(R^5)-C(O)$, $C(O)-N(R^5)$, $N(R^5)-N(R^5)$, or $C(O)-C(O)$ in the formula, the central heterocycle part represents any of the following formulae.



Page 11, between lines 2 & 3, please insert the following paragraph

The substituent R^2 on the anilino group in the formula (I) represents one group or a plural number of groups (e.g., “3, 5-Me” means “3,5-dimethyl”). R^2 also represents $-OCH_2O$ -or- $(CH=CH-CH=CH)-$, wherein $-OCH_2O$ means a methylenedioxy group and $-(CH=CH-CH=CH)-$, wherein $-OCH_2O-$ means a methylenedioxy group and $-(CH=CH-CH=CH)-$ means a naphthyl group together with the adjacent benzene ring.

Page 23, first full paragraph

A peptide of 18 amino acid residues (MEELQDDYEDMMEENLEQ) (SEQ ID NO:1) containing Tyr-8 of human erythrocyte Band 3 (Harrison, M. L. et al., J. Biol. Chem., 269: 955-959 (1994)) was synthesized using a peptide synthesizer. Using a biotinylation kit manufactured by Pierce, the N-terminal of the peptide in a resin-linked state was biotinylated, and purification was carried out using an HPLC.

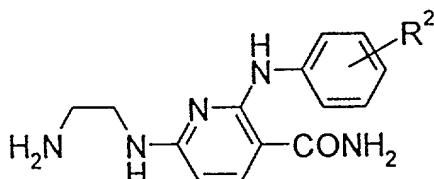
Page 35, second full paragraph

Rex: Reference Example number, Ex: Example number, Cmpd: compound number, Ph: phenyl, Me: methyl, Et: ethyl, tBu: tert-butyl, Boc: tBuO-CO-, Bn: benzyl, Ac: acetyl, BCA: cis-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)cyclohexylamino, PEA: (1'S,1R,2S)-2-(1'-

represents a 2-naphthyl group together with the adjacent benzene ring, and OCH₂O represents methylenedioxy group.

Page 38, please delete table 3 and insert the following new table 3:

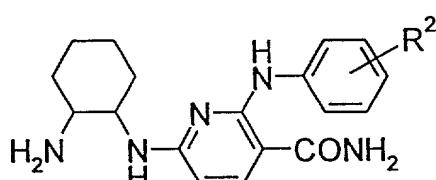
Table 3



Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
1	2-Br	10	2-H ₂ N	19	2-PhO	28	2-Bu
2	3-Br	11	3-H ₂ N	20	3-PhO	29	3-Bu
3	4-Br	12	4-H ₂ N	21	4-PhO	30	4-Bu
4	2-Cl	13	2-Ac	22	2-MeO	31	3,5-Cl
5	3-Cl	14	3-Ac	23	3-MeO	32	3,5-MeO
6	4-Cl	15	4-Ac	24	4-MeO	33	3,5-Me
7	2-HOCH ₂	16	2-MeS	25	2-Me	34	2,3-OCH ₂ O
8	3-HOCH ₂	17	3-MeS	26	3-Me	35	3,4-OCH ₂ O
9	4-HOCH ₂	18	4-MeS	27	4-Me	36	3,4-(CH=C H-CH=CH)

Page 38, please delete table 4 and insert the following new table 4:

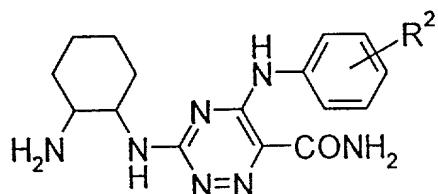
Table 4



Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
37	2-Br	46	2-H ₂ N	55	2-PhO	64	3-Et
38	3-Br	47	3-H ₂ N	56	3-PhO	65	4-Et
39	4-Br	48	4-H ₂ N	57	4-PhO	66	3-Pr
40	2-Cl	49	2-Ac	58	2-MeO	67	3-Bu
41	3-Cl	50	3-Ac	59	3-MeO	68	3,5-Cl
42	4-Cl	51	4-Ac	60	4-MeO	69	3,5-MeO
43	2-HOCH ₂	52	2-MeS	61	2-Me	70	2,3-OCH ₂ O
44	3-HOCH ₂	53	3-MeS	62	4-Me	71	3,4-OCH ₂ O
45	4-HOCH ₂	54	4-MeS	63	2-Et	72	3,4-(CH=C H-CH=CH)

Page 40, please delete table 6 and insert the following new table 6

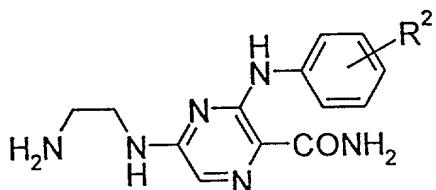
Table 6



Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
121	2-Br	130	2-H ₂ N	139	2-PhO	148	2-Et
122	3-Br	131	3-H ₂ N	140	3-PhO	149	3-Et
123	4-Br	132	4-H ₂ N	141	4-PhO	150	4-Et
124	2-Cl	133	2-Ac	142	2-MeO	151	3,5-Cl
125	3-Cl	134	3-Ac	143	3-MeO	152	3,5-MeO
126	4-Cl	135	4-Ac	144	4-MeO	153	3,5-Me
127	2-HOCH ₂	136	2-MeS	145	2-Me	154	2,3-OCH ₂ O
128	3-HOCH ₂	137	3-MeS	146	3-Me	155	3,4-OCH ₂ O
129	4-HOCH ₂	138	4-MeS	147	4-Me	156	3,4-(CH=C H-CH=CH)

Page 40, please delete table 7 and insert the following new table 7:

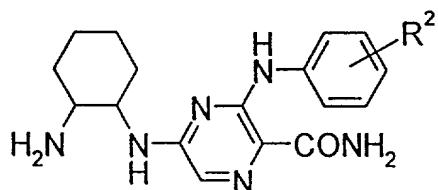
Table 7



Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
157	2-Br	166	2-HOCH ₂	175	2-MeS	184	4-Me
158	3-Br	167	3-HOCH ₂	176	3-MeS	185	2-Et
159	4-Br	168	4-HOCH ₂	177	4-MeS	186	3-Et
160	2-Cl	169	2-H ₂ N	178	2-PhO	187	4-Et
161	3-Cl	170	3-H ₂ N	179	3-PhO	188	3,5-MeO
162	4-Cl	171	4-H ₂ N	180	4-PhO	189	3,5-Me
163	2-F	172	2-Ac	181	2-MeO	190	2,3-OCH ₂ O
164	3-F	173	3-Ac	182	4-MeO	191	3,4-OCH ₂ O
165	4-F	174	4-Ac	183	2-Me	192	3,4-(CH=C H-CH=CH)

Page 42, please delete table 9 and insert the following new table 9:

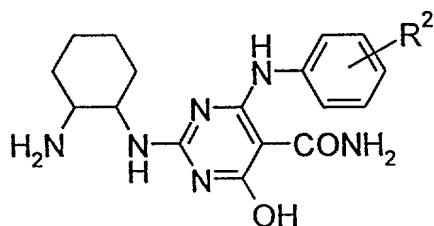
Table 9



Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
241	2-Br	250	2-H ₂ N	259	2-PhO	268	2-CN
242	4-Br	251	3-H ₂ N	260	4-PhO	269	3-CN
243	2-Cl	252	4-H ₂ N	261	2-MeO	270	4-CN
244	4-Cl	253	2-Ac	262	4-MeO	271	3,5-Br
245	2-F	254	3-Ac	263	2-Et	272	3,5-Cl
246	4-F	255	4-Ac	264	4-Et	273	3,5-F
247	2-HOCH ₂	256	2-MeS	265	2-NO ₂	274	2,3-OCH ₂ O
248	3-HOCH ₂	257	3-MeS	266	3-NO ₂	275	3,4-OCH ₂ O
249	4-HOCH ₂	258	4-MeS	267	4-NO ₂	276	3,4-(CH=C H-CH=CH)

Page 42, please delete table 10 and insert the following new table 10:

Table 10

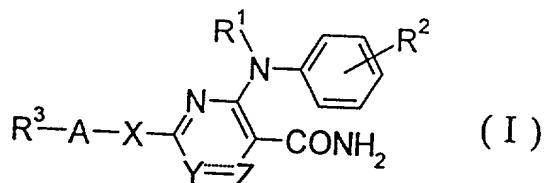


Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
277	2-F	286	2-H ₂ N	295	2-PhO	304	2-Bu
278	3-F	287	3-H ₂ N	296	3-PhO	305	3-Bu
279	4-F	288	4-H ₂ N	297	4-PhO	306	4-Bu
280	2-Cl	289	2-Ac	298	2-MeO	307	3,5-Cl
281	3-Cl	290	3-Ac	299	3-MeO	308	3,5-MeO
282	4-Cl	291	4-Ac	300	4-MeO	309	3,5-Me
283	2-HOCH ₂	292	2-MeS	301	2-Et	310	2,3-OCH ₂ O
284	3-HOCH ₂	293	3-MeS	302	3-Et	311	3,4-OCH ₂ O
285	4-HOCH ₂	294	4-MeS	303	4-Et	312	3,4-(CH=C H-CH=CH)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim:

1. (Amended) A heterocyclecarboxamide derivative represented by the general formula (I) or a salt thereof.



wherein the symbols in the formula have the following meanings:

A: a lower alkylene which may have substituent(s), an arylene which may have substituent(s), a heteroarylene which may have substituent(s), or a cycloalkylene which may have substituent(s);

X: NR⁴, CONR⁴, NR⁴CO, O, or S;

a dotted line between Y and Z: presence (Y=Z) or absence (Y-Z) of a bond;

Y-Z: N(R⁵)-C(O), C(O)-N(R⁵), N(R⁵)-N(R⁵), or C(O)-C(O);

Y=Z: N=C(R⁶), C(R⁷)=N, N=N, or C(R⁷)=C(R⁷);

R¹, R⁴: H, a lower alkyl, -CO-lower alkyl, or -SO₂-lower alkyl;

R²: H, a lower alkyl, a halogen, a lower alkyl substituted by halogen(s), -O-lower alkyl, -S-lower alkyl, -O-aryl, -O-lower alkylene-aryl, -S-lower alkylene-aryl, nitro, cyano, -OCH₂O, or -(CH=CH-CH=CH)-;

R³: -CO₂H, -CO₂-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CO₂H, -lower alkylene-CO₂-lower alkyl, -CONHOH, -CONHO-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CONHOH, -lower alkylene-CONHO-lower alkyl, -NH₂, -(NH₂ in a prodrug form), -lower alkylene-NH₂, or -lower alkylene-(NH₂ in a prodrug form);

R⁵: the same or different, H or a lower alkyl group;

R^6 : a lower alkyl, -OH, -O-lower alkyl, -O-aryl which may have substituent(s), -O-lower alkylene-aryl which may have substituent(s), -NR¹-aryl which may have substituent(s), -CO-lower alkyl, or -aryl group which may have substituent(s); and

R^7 : the same or different, H or the same group as R^6 .

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Support for the amendments are as follows:

(1) The support for the changes from "3,4-(CH)₄" at page 35 and Tables to "3,4-(CH=CH-CH=CH)" is as follows. Please note that all changes in the Tables related to "3,4-(CH)₄".

At page 35, lines 17-19, it is described that "a compound in which R^2 is 3,4-(CH)₄ represents a 2-naphthyl group together with the adjacent benzene ring", which means that the description about "3,4-(CH)₄" means a naphthyl group. In order to further clarify that the definition means a naphthyl group, please change "3,4-(CH)₄" to "3,4-(CH=CH-CH=CH)". The compounds amended in this regard has 3,4-(CH=CH-CH=CH) as R^2 .

(2) The support for the addition of "-OCH₂O-", or -(CH=CH-CH=CH)-" in Claim 1 and page 6, lines 23-24 is as follows.

The following compounds wherein R^2 is 2,3-OCH₂O or 3,4-OCH₂O are described.

Page 38, Table 3: Compound 34 and 35

Page 38, Table 4: Compound 70 and 71

Page 40, Table 6: Compound 154 and 155

Page 40, Table 7: Compound 190 and 191

Page 42, Table 9: Compound 274 and 275

Page 42, Table 10: Compound 310 and 311

The following compounds wherein R^2 is $3,4-(CH=CH-CH=CH)$ (i.e., $3,4-(CH)_4$ " before amendments) are described.

- Page 38, Table 3: Compound 36
- Page 38, Table 4: Compound 72
- Page 40, Table 6: Compound 156
- Page 40, Table 7: Compound 192
- Page 42, Table 9: Compound 276

Accordingly, addition of " $-OCH_2O-$, or $-(CH=CH-CH=CH)-$ " is sufficiently supported by these descriptions.

(3) The support for the addition of " R^2 also represents $-OCH_2O-$ or $-(CH=CH-CH=CH)-$, wherein $-OCH_2O-$ means a methylenedioxyl group and $-(CH=CH-CH=CH)-$ means a naphthyl group together with the adjacent benzene ring." into page 11 is as follows.

It is described at page 35, lines 17-20 that "a compound in which R^2 is $3,4-(CH=CH-CH=CH)$ represents a 2-naphthyl group together with the adjacent benzene ring, and OCH_2O represents methylenedioxyl group."

(4) The support for the addition of "The substituent R^2 on the anilino group in the formula (I) represents one or a plural number of groups (e.g., "3,5-Me" means "3,5-dimethyl")." into page 11 is as follows.

The following compounds are described.

- Page 37, Table 2: Examples 7, 10, 14
- Page 38, Table 3: Compound 31, 32, 33
- Page 38, Table 4: Compound 68, 69
- Page 40, Table 6: Compound 151, 152, 153
- Page 40, Table 7: Compound 188, 189
- Page 42, Table 9: Compound 271, 272, 273
- Page 42, Table 10: Compound 307, 308, 309

In these compounds, R^2 is 3,5-Me, 3,5-MeO, 3,5-Cl, 3,5-Br, or 3,5-F. In this regard, it is explained at page 35, lines 4-7 that "the number before ... For example, 3,5-Me indicates 3,5-dimethyl". Based on the Examples and this description, it is originally disclosed that R^2 means one or a plural number of groups.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIXVERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 6, first full paragraph

Namely, the invention relates to a novel heterocyclecarboxamide derivative represented by the following general formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a medicament comprising the same as the active ingredient.



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a dotted line between Y and Z: presence (Y=Z) or absence (Y-Z) of a bond;

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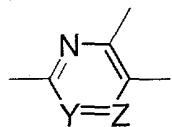
R^3 : $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{-lower alkyl}$, $-\text{lower alkylene-CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{lower alkylenealkylene-CO}_2\text{-lower alkyl}$, $-\text{CONHOH}$, $-\text{CONHO-lower alkyl}$, $-\text{lower alkylene-CONHOH}$, $-\text{lower alkylene-CONHO-lower alkyl}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-(\text{NH}_2 \text{ in a prodrug form})$, $-\text{lower alkylene-NH}_2$, or $-\text{lower alkylene-(NH}_2 \text{ in a prodrug form)}$;

R^5 : H or a lower alkyl group;

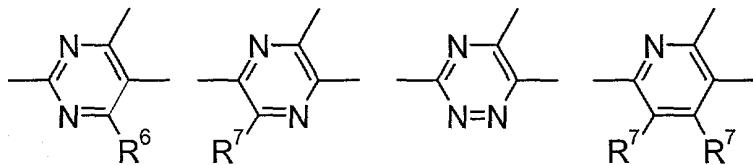
R^6 : a lower alkyl, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O-lower alkyl}$, $-\text{O-aryl}$ which may have substituent(s), $-\text{O-lower alkylene-aryl}$ which may have substituent(s), $-\text{NR}^1\text{-aryl}$ which may have substituent(s), $-\text{CO-lower alkyl}$, or $-\text{aryl group}$ which may have substituent(s);

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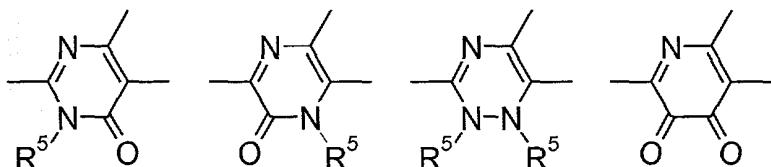
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represents any of the following formulae:



and when $Y-Z$ represents $\text{N}(R^5)\text{-C(O)}$, $\text{C(O)-N}(R^5)$, $\text{N}(R^5)\text{-N}(R^5)$, or C(O)-C(O) in the formula, the central heterocycle part represents any of the following formulae.



Page 23, first full paragraph

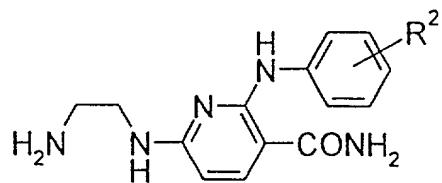
A peptide of 18 amino acid residues (MEELQDDYEDMMEEENLEQ) (Sequence No.: +EQ ID NO:1) containing Tyr-8 of human erythrocyte Band 3 (Harrison, M. L. et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 269: 955-959 (1994)) was synthesized using a peptide synthesizer. Using a biotinylation kit manufactured by Pierce, the N-terminal of the peptide in a resin-linked state was biotinylated, and purification was carried out using an HPLC.

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Rex: Reference Example number, Ex: Example number, Cmpd: compound number, Ph: phenyl, Me: methyl, Et: ethyl, tBu: tert-butyl, Boc: tBuO-CO-, Bn: benzyl, Ac: acetyl, BCA: cis-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)cyclohexylamino, PEA: (1'S,1R,2S)-2-(1'-phenylethylamino)cyclohexylamino, CCA: cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino, ACA: (1R,2S)-2-aminocyclohexylamino. Sal: salt (blank space: free form; HCl: hydrochloride), Dat: physicochemical data (F: FAB-MS $(M+H)^+$; FN: FAB-MS $(M-H)^-$; M: melting point ($^{\circ}$ C); A: specific rotation $[\alpha]_D$ (MeOH)). Also, a compound in which R^2 is $3,4-(CH_2)_4=CH-CH=CH$. represents a 2-naphthyl group together with the adjacent benzene ring, and OCH_2O represents methylenedioxy group.

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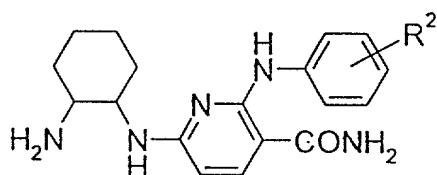
Table 3



Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
1	2-Br	10	2-H ₂ N	19	2-PhO	28	2-Bu
2	3-Br	11	3-H ₂ N	20	3-PhO	29	3-Bu
3	4-Br	12	4-H ₂ N	21	4-PhO	30	4-Bu
4	2-Cl	13	2-Ac	22	2-MeO	31	3,5-Cl
5	3-Cl	14	3-Ac	23	3-MeO	32	3,5-MeO
6	4-Cl	15	4-Ac	24	4-MeO	33	3,5-Me
7	2-HOCH ₂	16	2-MeS	25	2-Me	34	2,3-OCH ₂ O
8	3-HOCH ₂	17	3-MeS	26	3-Me	35	3,4-OCH ₂ O
9	4-HOCH ₂	18	4-MeS	27	4-Me	36	3,4-(CH) ₄

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Table 4

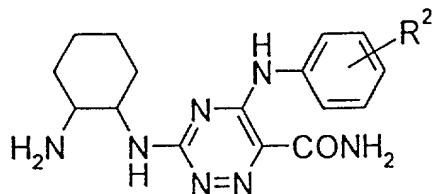


Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
37	2-Br	46	2-H ₂ N	55	2-PhO	64	3-Et
38	3-Br	47	3-H ₂ N	56	3-PhO	65	4-Et
39	4-Br	48	4-H ₂ N	57	4-PhO	66	3-Pr
40	2-Cl	49	2-Ac	58	2-MeO	67	3-Bu
41	3-Cl	50	3-Ac	59	3-MeO	68	3,5-Cl
42	4-Cl	51	4-Ac	60	4-MeO	69	3,5-MeO
43	2-HOCH ₂	52	2-MeS	61	2-Me	70	2,3-OCH ₂ O
44	3-HOCH ₂	53	3-MeS	62	4-Me	71	3,4-OCH ₂ O
45	4-HOCH ₂	54	4-MeS	63	2-Et	72	3,4-(CH) ₄

3,4-(CH=CH-CH=CH)

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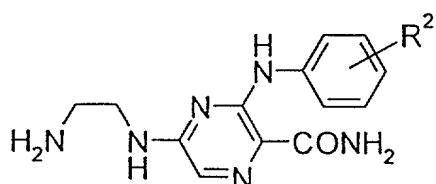
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Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
121	2-Br	130	2-H ₂ N	139	2-PhO	148	2-Et
122	3-Br	131	3-H ₂ N	140	3-PhO	149	3-Et
123	4-Br	132	4-H ₂ N	141	4-PhO	150	4-Et
124	2-Cl	133	2-Ac	142	2-MeO	151	3,5-Cl
125	3-Cl	134	3-Ac	143	3-MeO	152	3,5-MeO
126	4-Cl	135	4-Ac	144	4-MeO	153	3,5-Me
127	2-HOCH ₂	136	2-MeS	145	2-Me	154	2,3-OCH ₂ O
128	3-HOCH ₂	137	3-MeS	146	3-Me	155	3,4-OCH ₂ O
129	4-HOCH ₂	138	4-MeS	147	4-Me	156	3,4-(CH) ₄

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Table 7

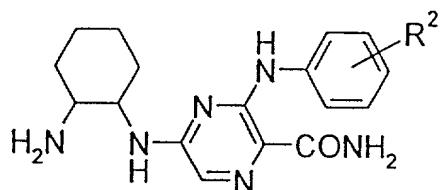


Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
157	2-Br	166	2-HOCH ₂	175	2-MeS	184	4-Me
158	3-Br	167	3-HOCH ₂	176	3-MeS	185	2-Et
159	4-Br	168	4-HOCH ₂	177	4-MeS	186	3-Et
160	2-Cl	169	2-H ₂ N	178	2-PhO	187	4-Et
161	3-Cl	170	3-H ₂ N	179	3-PhO	188	3,5-MeO
162	4-Cl	171	4-H ₂ N	180	4-PhO	189	3,5-Me
163	2-F	172	2-Ac	181	2-MeO	190	2,3-OCH ₂ O
164	3-F	173	3-Ac	182	4-MeO	191	3,4-OCH ₂ O
165	4-F	174	4-Ac	183	2-Me	192	3,4-(CH) ₄

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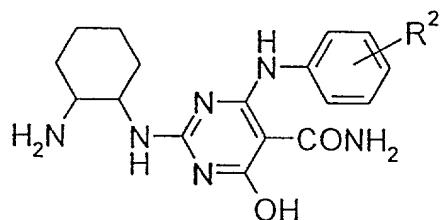
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Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
241	2-Br	250	2-H ₂ N	259	2-PhO	268	2-CN
242	4-Br	251	3-H ₂ N	260	4-PhO	269	3-CN
243	2-Cl	252	4-H ₂ N	261	2-MeO	270	4-CN
244	4-Cl	253	2-Ac	262	4-MeO	271	3,5-Br
245	2-F	254	3-Ac	263	2-Et	272	3,5-Cl
246	4-F	255	4-Ac	264	4-Et	273	3,5-F
247	2-HOCH ₂	256	2-MeS	265	2-NO ₂	274	2,3-OCH ₂ O
248	3-HOCH ₂	257	3-MeS	266	3-NO ₂	275	3,4-OCH ₂ O
249	4-HOCH ₂	258	4-MeS	267	4-NO ₂	276	3,4-(CH) ₄

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Table 10



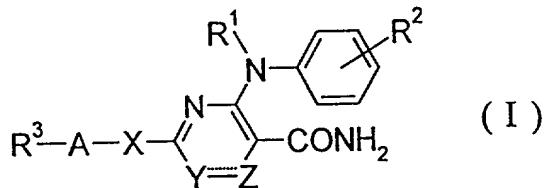
Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
277	2-F	286	2-H ₂ N	295	2-PhO	304	2-Bu
278	3-F	287	3-H ₂ N	296	3-PhO	305	3-Bu
279	4-F	288	4-H ₂ N	297	4-PhO	306	4-Bu
280	2-Cl	289	2-Ac	298	2-MeO	307	3,5-Cl
281	3-Cl	290	3-Ac	299	3-MeO	308	3,5-MeO
282	4-Cl	291	4-Ac	300	4-MeO	309	3,5-Me
283	2-HOCH ₂	292	2-MeS	301	2-Et	310	2,3-OCH ₂ O
284	3-HOCH ₂	293	3-MeS	302	3-Et	311	3,4-OCH ₂ O
285	4-HOCH ₂	294	4-MeS	303	4-Et	312	3,4-(CH) ₄

3,4-(CH=CH-CH=CH)

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A heterocyclecarboxamide derivative represented by the general formula (I) or a salt thereof.



wherein the symbols in the formula have the following meanings:

A: a lower alkylene which may have substituent(s), an arylene which may have substituent(s), a heteroarylene which may have substituent(s), or a cycloalkylene which may have substituent(s);

X: NR⁴, CONR⁴, NR⁴CO, O, or S;

a dotted line between Y and Z: presence (Y=Z) or absence (Y-Z) of a bond;

Y-Z: N(R⁵)-C(O), C(O)-N(R⁵), N(R⁵)-N(R⁵), or C(O)-C(O);

Y=Z: N=C(R⁶), C(R⁷)=N, N=N, or C(R⁷)=C(R⁷);

R¹, R⁴: H, a lower alkyl, -CO-lower alkyl, or -SO₂-lower alkyl;

R²: H, a lower alkyl, a halogen, a lower alkyl substituted by halogen(s), -O-lower alkyl, -S-lower alkyl, -O-aryl, -O-lower alkylene-aryl, -S-lower alkylene-aryl, nitro, or cyano, -group-OCH₂O, or -(CH=CH-CH=CH)-;

R³: -CO₂H, -CO₂-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CO₂H, -lower alkylenealkylene-CO₂-lower alkyl, -CONHOH, -CONHO-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CONHOH, -lower alkylene-CONHO-lower alkyl, -NH₂, -(NH₂ in a prodrug form), -lower alkylene-NH₂, or -lower alkylene-(NH₂ in a prodrug form);

R⁵: the same or different, H or a lower alkyl group;

R^6 : a lower alkyl, -OH, -O-lower alkyl, -O-aryl which may have substituent(s), -O-lower alkylene-aryl which may have substituent(s), -NR¹-aryl which may have substituent(s), -CO-lower alkyl, or -aryl group which may have substituent(s); and

R^7 : the same or different, H or the same group as R^6 .

Abstract

A nitrogen-containing six-membered heterocyclic compound having substituents -X-A-R³, -N(R¹)-(Ph substituted by R²), and -CONH₂, a salt thereof, a prodrug 5 thereof, and a Syk inhibitor containing the same as an active ingredient.

(In the formula, A: a (substituted) lower alkylene, a (substituted) arylene, or the like; X: NR⁴, CONR⁴, NR⁴CO, O, or S; R¹, R⁴: H, a lower alkyl, -CO-lower alkyl, or -SO₂- 10 lower alkyl; R²: H, a (substituted) lower alkyl, -O-lower alkyl, -S-lower alkyl, -O-aryl, nitro, cyano, or the like; R³: -CO₂H, -CO₂-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CO₂H, -NH₂, -alkylene-NH₂, or the like.

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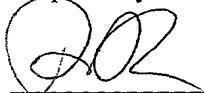
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Description

NOVEL HETEROCYCLECARBOXAMIDE DERIVATIVE

5 Technical Field

The present invention relates to a heterocyclecarboxamide derivative useful as a medicament, particularly a Syk inhibitor.

10 Background of the Invention

It is known that type I (immediate type) allergic reaction which plays a main role at allergic diseases as typified by bronchial asthma, allergic rhinitis or atopic dermatitis is initiated by the interaction between an extrinsic antigen such as pollen or house dust and immunoglobulin E (IgE) specific thereto. IgE is captured on the cell surface of mast cell and basophile manifesting IgE receptor (Fc & RI) having a high affinity. When the antigen binds thereto and cross-links the receptor, the cell is activated and inflammatory mediators such as histamine, serotonin and the like inducing anaphylaxis reaction are released from cytoplasmic secretory granules. Also, it is known that the production of cytokine which takes part in the progress of inflammatory reactions is accelerated.

It is known that at least two types of cytoplasmic tyrosine kinase, i.e., Lyn (Eiseman, E. and Bolen, J. B.,

Nature, 355: 78-80 (1992)) and Spleen tyrosine kinase (Syk) (Taniguchi, T. et al., J. Biol. Chem., 266: 15790-15796 (1991)), are concerned in the intracellular signal transduction which accompanies this Fc ε RI activation. It is known that Syk undergoes tyrosine phosphorylation by the action of Lyn after crosslinking of Fc ε RI by an antigen, whereby the activity of the tyrosine kinase increases (Hutchcroft, J.E. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 89: 9107-9111 (1992)). It has been also shown that the activation of Syk are necessary for the degranulation and cytokine production acceleration induced by the activation of Fc ε RI (Rivera, V. M. and Brugge, J. S., Mol. Cell. Biol., 15: 1582-1590 (1995)).

Moreover, it is known that Syk is essential for a life-extending signal of eosinophiles mediated by GM-CSF receptor, because antisense oligonucleotide of Syk inhibits the eosinophile's life-extending action of GM-CSF (Yousefi, S. et al., J. Exp. Med., 183: 1407-1414 (1996)).

As described above, it is expected that Syk takes part in allergic or inflammatory reaction through controlling the functions of mast cell, basophile, and eosinophile.

In addition, Syk is suggested to be concerned in various diseases as described below.

It has been reported that Syk is deeply concerned in the phosphatidylinositol metabolism and increase in the intracellular calcium concentration caused by the

stimulation of B cell antigen receptor and thus plays an important role at the activation of B cells (Hutchcroft, J. E. et al., J. Biol. Chem., 267: 8613-8619 (1992) and Takata, M. et al., EMBO J., 13: 1341-1349 (1994)). In consequence, a Syk inhibitor may control the function of B cell and therefore is expected as an therapeutic agent for the diseases in which the antibody produced by B cell are concerned.

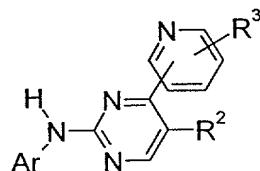
Also, it has been reported that Syk associates with a T cell antigen receptor and quickly undergoes tyrosine phosphorylation and is activated through crosslinking of the receptor. Accordingly, there is shown a possibility that Syk synergistically acts in combination with a tyrosine kinase such as Lck, ZAP-70, or the like to take part in the T cell activation signal (Couture, C. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 91: 5301-5305 (1994) and Couture, C. et al., Mol. Cell. Biol., 14: 5249-5258 (1994)).

Moreover, it has been reported that the tyrosine phosphorylation of intracellular protein and the phagocytosis induced by stimulation of immunoglobulin G (IgG) receptor (Fc γ R) are considerably inhibited in macrophages derived from Syk deficient mouse (Crowley, M. T. et al., J. Exp. Med., 186: 1027-1039 (1997)). Therefore, Syk plays an extremely important role in the Fc γ R-mediated phagocytosis of macrophage, and it is shown

that Syk is concerned in tissue damage induced by antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC).

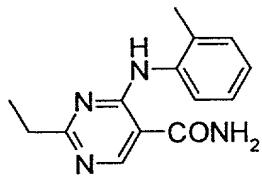
Furthermore, it has been reported that the release of arachidonic acid and serotonin and the aggregation of 5 platelets induced by collagen are markedly inhibited in platelets derived from Syk deficient mouse (Poole, A. et al., EMBO J., 16: 2333-2341 (1997)), so that participation in anticoagulation is also shown.

And, as compounds having a Syk inhibitory action, 10 there have been reported a 2-anilinopyrimidine derivative (WO98/18782) represented by the following formula:

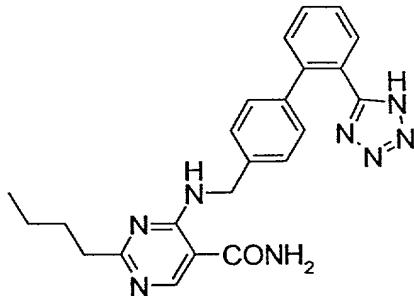


(wherein Ar represents an aromatic cyclic group which may 15 be substituted, and R² represents H, a halogen, or a group represented by -X¹-R^{2a}. Refer to the publication for other symbols), and a natural product derived from a plant, Piceatannol (Oliver, J. M. et al., J. Biol. Chem., 269: 29697-29703 (1994)).

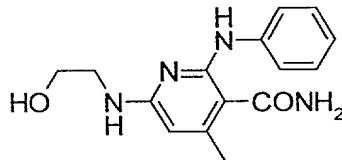
20 Moreover, as heterocyclecarboxamide derivatives having a substituted amino group, the following compound is disclosed in Indian J. Chem., Sect. B, 16B(10), 932-933 (1978),



the following compound in EP475206 and US5104877,



5 and the following compound in Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 94677/1974,

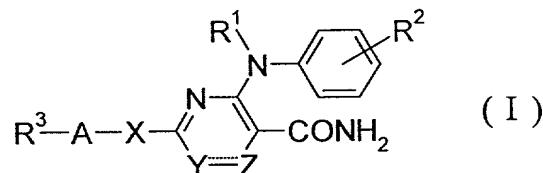


but the action on Syk of these compounds is neither
10 disclosed nor suggested.

Disclosure of the Invention

As a result of the extensive studies on the
compounds inhibiting Syk, the present inventors have found
15 that a heterocyclecarboxamide derivative has a satisfactory
Syk inhibitory activity and is useful as an agent for
preventing, treating, or diagnosing diseases in which Syk
takes part, and thereby have accomplished the invention.

Namely, the invention relates to a novel heterocyclecarboxamide derivative represented by the following general formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a medicament comprising the 5 same as the active ingredient.



(wherein the symbols in the formula have the following meanings.

10 A: a lower alkylene which may have substituent(s), an arylene which may have substituent(s), a heteroarylene which may have substituent(s), a cycloalkylene which may have substituent(s), or H;
X: NR⁴, CONR⁴, NR⁴CO, O, or S;
15 a dotted line between Y and Z: presence (Y=Z) or absence (Y-Z) of a bond;
Y-Z: N(R⁵)-C(O), C(O)-N(R⁵), N(R⁵)-N(R⁵), or C(O)-C(O);
Y=Z: N=C(R⁶), C(R⁷)=N, N=N, or C(R⁷)=C(R⁷);
R¹, R⁴: H, a lower alkyl, -CO-lower alkyl, or -SO₂-lower
20 alkyl;
R²: H, a lower alkyl, a halogen, a lower alkyl substituted by halogen(s), -O-lower alkyl, -S-lower alkyl, -O-aryl, -O-lower alkylene-aryl, -S-lower alkylene-aryl, nitro, or cyano group;

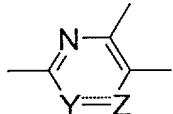
R³: -CO₂H, -CO₂-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CO₂H, -lower alkylene-CO₂-lower alkyl, -CONHOH, -CONHO-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CONHOH, -lower alkylene-CONHO-lower alkyl, -NH₂, -(NH₂ in a prodrug form), -lower alkylene-NH₂,
5 or -lower alkylene-(NH₂ in a prodrug form);

R⁵: H or a lower alkyl group;

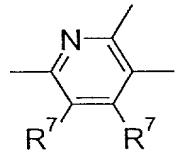
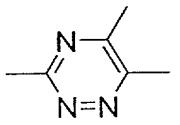
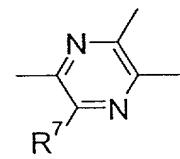
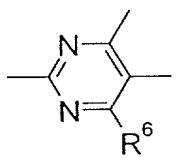
R⁶: a lower alkyl, -OH, -O-lower alkyl, -O-aryl which may have substituent(s), -O-lower alkylene-aryl which may have substituent(s), -NR¹-aryl which may have substituent(s), -CO-lower alkyl, or -aryl group which may have substituent(s);
10

R⁷: the same or different, H or the same group as R⁶. The same shall apply to the following).

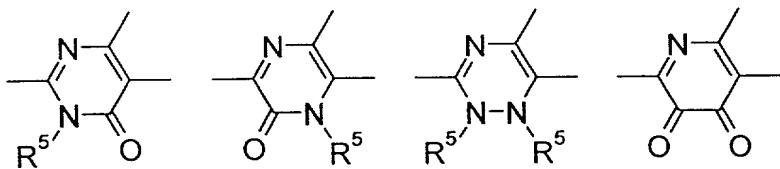
By the way, when Y=Z represents N=C(R⁶), C(R⁷)=N, N=N, or
15 C(R⁷)=C(R⁷) in the formula, the central heterocycle part:



represents any of the following formulae:



20 and when Y-Z represents N(R⁵)-C(O), C(O)-N(R⁵), N(R⁵)-N(R⁵), or C(O)-C(O) in the formula, the central heterocycle part represents any of the following formulae.



In the above formulae, there is a case that tautomers are present as the case of the compound wherein R⁶ of N=C(R⁶) is OH and the compound wherein R⁵ of C(R⁵)-5 C(O) is H or the case of the compound wherein R⁷ of C(R⁷)=N is OH and the compound wherein R⁵ of C(O)-N(R⁵) is H. The invention also includes these isomers.

According to the invention, also provided is a pharmaceutical composition, particularly a Syk tyrosine 10 kinase inhibitor comprising the above heterocyclecarboxamide derivative or a salt thereof.

The following will explain the invention in detail.

In this specification, the term "lower" means a 15 linear or branched hydrocarbon chain having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms. The "lower alkyl group" is preferably a lower alkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and more preferred is methyl, ethyl, or isopropyl group. The "lower alkylene" is preferably a lower alkylene having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and particularly preferred is methylene, 20 ethylene, or butylene.

The "halogen" includes F, Cl, Br, and I. The "lower alkyl substituted by halogen(s)" is preferably fluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl group.

The "arylene", "heteroarylene", and "cycloalkylene" mean divalent groups formed by removing hydrogen atom at any position of "aryl group", "heteroaryl group", and "cycloalkyl group", respectively.

5 The "aryl group" is preferably a monocyclic to tricyclic aryl group having from 6 to 14 carbon atoms, more preferably, a phenyl group or a naphthyl group. Also, the phenyl group may be condensed with a five- to eight-membered cycloalkyl ring to form, for example, an indanyl 10 group or a 5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthyl group, which combines from the aromatic ring. The "arylene" is preferably 1,2-phenylene or 1,4-phenylene.

15 The "cycloalkyl group" is preferably a cycloalkyl group having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms. More preferred as the "cycloalkylene" is cyclohexane-1,1-diyl, 1,2-cyclopentylene, 1,2-cyclohexylene, or 1,4-cyclohexylene. Also, the cycloalkyl group may be condensed with a benzene ring to form, for example, 1- or 2-indanyl or a 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl group.

20 The "heteroaryl group" is a five- to six-membered monocyclic heteroaryl group having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from O, S and N, and is preferably pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazolyl, thieryl, furyl, or thiazolyl group.

25 Substituents of the "lower alkylene which may have substituent(s)", "arylene which may have substituent(s)", "heteroarylene which may have substituent(s)",

"cycloalkylene which may have substituent(s)" and "aryl which may have substituent(s)" are not particularly limited so long as they can be used as substituents of these rings, but are preferably the substituents selected from the 5 following group. One to four of these substituents may be present.

-lower alkyl, -halogen, -lower alkyl substituted by halogen(s), -cycloalkyl, -heteroaryl, -nitrogen-containing saturated heterocycle, -vinyl, -(1-propenyl), -ethynyl, -OH, -O-lower alkyl, -O-lower alkylene-aryl, -O-aryl, -O-lower alkylene-aryl-O-lower alkyl, -S-lower alkylene-aryl, -S-lower alkylene-aryl-O-lower alkyl, -CONHOH, -CONH-lower alkyl, -CON(lower alkyl)₂, -NO₂, and -CN.

15 Moreover, the "-NH₂ in a prodrug form" means any of the groups well known by those skilled in the art, which forms -NH₂ under physiological conditions. For example, there are mentioned the groups described in Prog. Med., 5, 2157-2161 (1985) and "Iyakuhin no Kaihatsu (Pharmaceutical 20 Research and Development)" (Hirokawa Publishing Co., 1990), vol. 7, Bunshi Sekkei (Drug Design) 163-198. Preferred are (Z)-3-[2-(acetoxy)phenyl]-2-propenoylamino-, (acetoxy)methoxycarbonylamino-, 4-azidobenzyloxycarbonylamino-, (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-25 4-en-4-yl)methoxycarbonylamino- and [(2-hydroxyphenyl)(phenyl)methylidene]amino-, and other groups of this type known by those skilled in the art are also

included. In addition, prodrugs with regard to the groups such as OH and COOH are also included in the invention.

Among the compounds of the invention, A in the formula (I) is preferably a lower alkylene or 5 cycloalkylene, more preferably ethylene or cyclohexylene. R³ is preferably -CO₂H, -CO₂-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CO₂H, -lower alkylene-CO₂-lower alkyl, -NH₂, -(NH₂ in a 10 prodrug form), -lower alkylene-NH₂, or -lower alkylene-(NH₂ in a prodrug form), further preferably -NH₂, -(NH₂ in a prodrug form), -lower alkylene-NH₂, or -lower alkylene-(NH₂ in a prodrug form), more preferably -NH₂ or -(NH₂ in a 15 prodrug form). X is preferably NR₄. Y-Z and Y=Z are preferably N(R⁵)-C(O), C(O)-N(R⁵), N=C(R⁶), C(R⁷)=N, or C(R⁷)=C(R⁷), further preferably N=C(R⁶), C(R⁷)=N, or C(R⁷)=C(R⁷).

Among the compounds of the present invention, the following compounds can be mentioned as most preferred compounds: 6-(2-aminoethylamino)-2-(3-ethylanilino)pyridine-3-carboxamide, 6-(2-aminoethylamino)-2-(3-trifluoromethylanilino)pyridine-3-carboxamide, 2-(2-aminoethylamino)-4-hydroxy-6-(3-methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carboxamide, 6-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-2-(3-methylanilino)pyridine-3-carboxamide, 6-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-2-(3,5-dimethylanilino)pyridine-3-carboxamide, 5-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-3-(3-methoxyanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide, 5-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-3-(3-methoxyanilino)pyrazine-2-

carboxamide, 5-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-3-(3-
phenoxyanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide, 5-(cis-2-
aminocyclohexylamino)-3-(4-methylsulfanylanilino)pyrazine-
2-carboxamide, 5-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-3-(3,5-
5 dimethoxyanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide, 2-(cis-2-
aminocyclohexylamino)-4-hydroxy-6-(3-
methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carboxamide, 2-(cis-2-
aminocyclohexylamino)-4-(3-bromoanilino)-6-
hydroxypyrimidine-5-carboxamide, 2-(cis-2-
10 aminocyclohexylamino)-4-(2-chlorophenoxy)-6-(3-
methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carboxamide.

Depending on the kinds of substituents, the
compound of the invention may exist in the form of
geometrical isomers or tautomers, and isolated forms or
15 mixtures of these isomers are included in the invention.
Also, the compound of the present invention may contain an
asymmetric carbon atom in some cases, so that isomers based
on the asymmetric carbon atom may exist. Mixtures or
isolated forms of these optical isomers are included in the
20 present invention.

Also, the compound of the present invention
sometimes forms an acid addition salt or, depending on the
kinds of substituents, a salt with a base. Such salts are
pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and illustrative
25 examples thereof include acid addition salts with inorganic
acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid,
hydroiodic acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, phosphoric

acid and the like or with organic acids such as formic acid, acetic acid, propionic acid, oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, lactic acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid,

5 methanesulfonic acid, ethanesulfonic acid, aspartic acid, glutamic acid and the like; salts with inorganic bases such as sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, aluminum and the like or with organic bases such as methylamine, ethylamine, ethanolamine, lysine, ornithine and the like; ammonium

10 salts, and the like. In addition, various types of hydrates and solvates and polymorphic substances of the compound (I) of the invention and salts thereof are also included in the invention.

(Production Methods)

15 The compound of the present invention and pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof can be produced by applying various known synthesis methods, making use of their characteristics based on the basic structures or kinds of substituents. At that time, depending on the

20 kinds of functional groups, it is sometimes effective, from the viewpoint of the production techniques, to replace said functional group by an appropriate protecting group, namely a group which can be easily converted into said functional group, at the step of the starting material or

25 intermediate. Thereafter, the desired compound can be obtained by removing the protecting group as occasion demands. Examples of such functional groups include amino

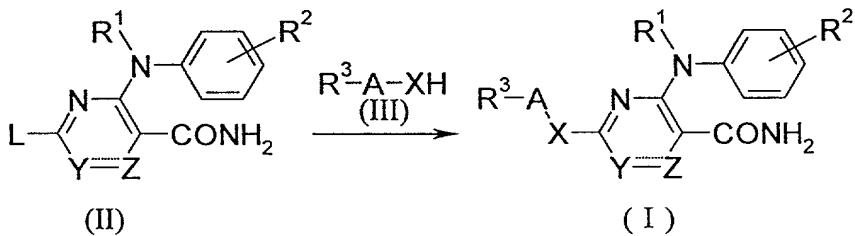
group, hydroxyl group, carboxyl group and the like.

Examples of their protecting groups include the protecting groups described in "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis (2nd. Ed.)" edited by Greene and Wuts, and these groups are

5 optionally used depending on the reaction conditions.

The following describes typical production methods of the compounds of the invention.

First production method



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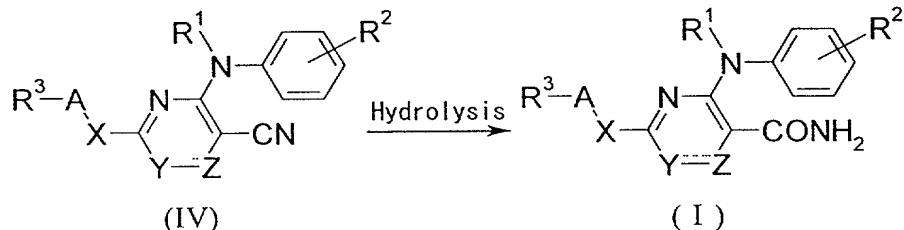
(wherein L represents a leaving group. Other symbols have the same meanings as described above)

This production method is a method in which the compound of the present invention represented by the 15 general formula (I) is obtained by reacting a compound (II) with a compound (III). In the method, examples of the leaving group L include halogen atoms and methylsulfanyl, 1H-benzotriazol-1-yloxy, methylsulfinyl, methanesulfonyl, methanesulfonyloxy, p-toluenesulfonyloxy, trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy, and the like.

The reaction can be carried out from under cooling to under heating to reflux using the compounds (II) and (III) in equimolar amounts or in an excess amount of one of them, without solvent or in a solvent inert to the reaction

such as aromatic hydrocarbons, e.g., benzene, toluene, xylene and the like; ethers, e.g., diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran (THF), dioxane and the like; halogenated hydrocarbons, e.g., dichloromethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, 5 chloroform and the like; N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF); N,N-dimethylacetamide (DMA); N-methylpyrrolidone; ethyl acetate; acetonitrile; and the like. The reaction temperature can be optionally selected depending on the compounds. Depending on the compounds, it is advantageous 10 in some cases to carry out the reaction in the presence of an organic base (preferably diisopropylethylamine, N-methylmorpholine, pyridine, or 4-(N,N-dimethylamino)pyridine) or a metal salt base (preferably sodium hydride, potassium carbonate, sodium carbonate, 15 sodium hydrogen carbonate, sodium hydroxide, or potassium hydroxide).

Second production method



20 (wherein the symbols in the scheme are as defined in the above)

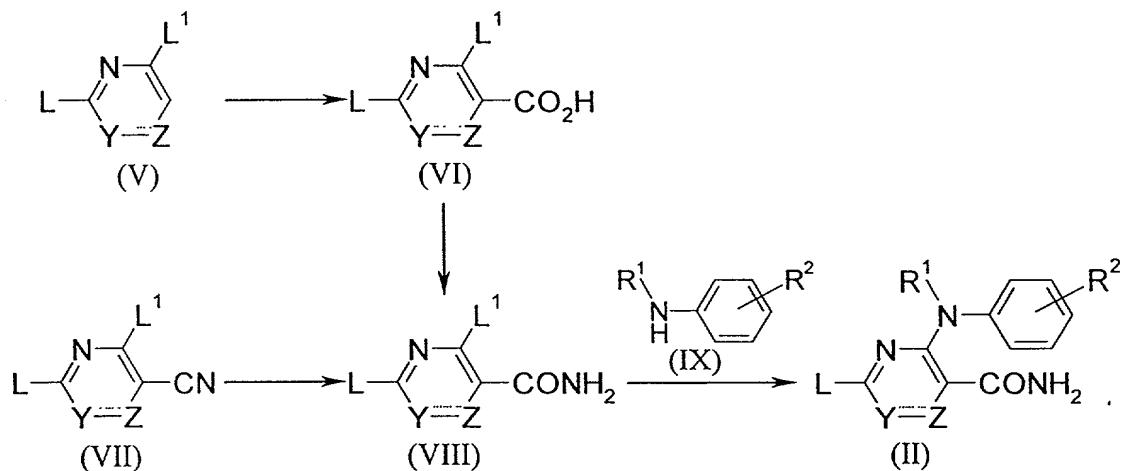
This production method is a method in which the compound (I) of the invention is obtained by converting the nitrile group of a nitrile compound (IV) into a carboxamido

group under various conditions. The reaction can be carried out from at room temperature to under heating to reflux without solvent or in a solvent inert to the reaction such as aromatic hydrocarbons; ethers; halogenated hydrocarbons; alcohols, e.g., methanol, ethanol and the like; DMF; pyridine; water; dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO); and the like, in the presence of a mineral acid, e.g., sulfuric acid, hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid or the like; an organic acid, e.g., formic acid, acetic acid or the like; or a base, e.g., sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, potassium carbonate, sodium carbonate, ammonia or the like. It is advantageous in some cases to carry out the reaction in the presence of hydrogen peroxide or the like, for the purpose of effecting smooth progress of the reaction. The reaction temperature can be selected optionally, depending on the compound.

Production Method of Starting Compounds

Starting compounds (II) and (IV) for the compound of the invention can be produced in the usual way, for example, by applying known reactions shown in the following scheme of synthetic pathway.

Production method 1



5 (wherein L¹ represents a leaving group similar to the above
 L. Other symbols are as defined in the above)

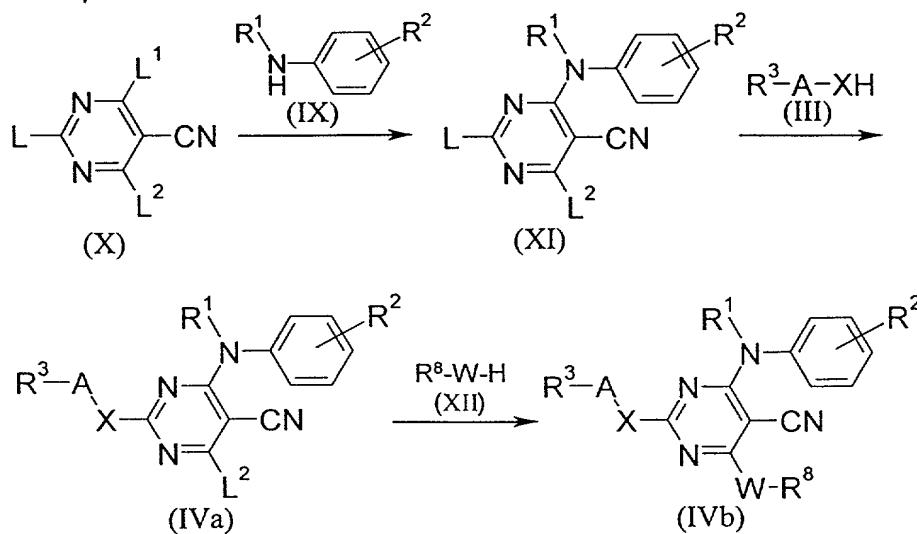
A starting compound (II) can be produced by
 substitution reaction between a compound (VIII) and an
 aniline derivative (IX). The reaction can be carried out
 10 under conditions similar to the above first production
 method.

The intermediate (VIII) can be produced by
 treating a carboxylic acid compound (VI) with ammonia in
 the presence of a condensing agent (e.g.,
 15 dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC), diisopropylcarbodiimide
 (DIPC), 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide
 (WSC), 1,1'-carbonylbis-1H-imidazole (CDI), or the like)
 and, in some cases, an additive (e.g., N-hydroxysuccinimide
 (HONSu), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBT), or the like).
 20 Examples of the solvent include aromatic hydrocarbons,
 ethers, halogenated hydrocarbons, DMF, pyridine, and the

like. These solvents may be used solely or as a mixture of two or more of them.

The intermediate (VI) can be produced by introducing a carboxylic acid into a compound (V) under 5 various conditions. The reaction can be carried out from at -78°C to under ice cooling in a solvent inert to the reaction such as ethers or hexane by converting the compound into an anion under a basic condition (e.g., n-butyllithium, sec-butyllithium, tert-butyllithium, 2,2,6,6-10 tetramethylpiperidine lithium salt (LiTMP), diisopropylamine lithium salt (LDA), or the like, or N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine, hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA), DMA, or the like may be added thereto in order to assist the reaction), and then 15 adding dry ice or blowing carbon dioxide into the solution. The reaction temperature can be selected optionally, depending on the compound.

Moreover, the intermediate (VIII) can be also produced by hydrolyzing a nitrile compound (VII). The 20 conditions similar to those in the above second production method can be adopted as the reaction conditions.



(wherein L² represents a leaving group similar to the above L or R⁶ or R⁷, R⁸ represents -aryl which may have substituent(s), -lower alkylene-aryl which may have substituent(s), or -aryl group which may have substituent(s), and W represents O or NR¹. Other symbols are defined as in the above)

The starting compound (IVb) can be produced by reacting a compound (IVa) with a compound (XII). The reaction can be carried out from under cooling to under heating in a solvent inert to the reaction such as aromatic hydrocarbons, ethers, halogenated hydrocarbons, DMF, DMSO, pyridine, or the like. It is advantageous in some cases to carry out the reaction in the presence of a metal salt base, for the purpose of effecting smooth progress of the reaction.

The starting compound (IVa) can be produced by reacting a compound (XI) with the compound (III). The conditions similar to those in the above first production method can be adopted.

The intermediate (XI) can be produced by the substitution reaction between a nitrile compound (X) and an aniline compound (IX). The conditions similar to those in the above first production method can be adopted.

5 Furthermore, the compound wherein the substituent R¹ is an alkyl, -CO-lower alkyl, or -SO₂-lower alkyl can be produced in the usual way using the compound wherein R¹ is H. The introduction of an alkyl group can be carried out using an alkyl halide or an alkyl ester in a similar manner 10 to the above first production method. The introduction of the -CO-lower alkyl or -SO₂-lower alkyl group can be carried out from under cooling to under heating in a solvent inert to the reaction such as halogenated hydrocarbons, ethers, DMF, or the like by an acid halide 15 method, a mixed or symmetric acid anhydride method, an active ester method, a condensing agent (DCC, WSC, CDI, etc.) method, or the like. It is advantageous in some cases to carry out the reaction in the presence of a base, for the purpose of effecting smooth progress of the 20 reaction.

The reaction product obtained by each of the aforementioned production methods is isolated and purified as a free compound, a salt thereof or any of various types of solvate such as hydrate. Salts can be produced by the 25 usual salt-forming treatment.

The isolation and purification are carried out by employing usual chemical operations such as extraction,

concentration, evaporation, crystallization, filtration, recrystallization, various chromatographic techniques, and the like.

Various isomers can be isolated in the usual way

5 making use of a physicochemical difference among the isomers. For example, optical isomers can be separated by a general optical resolution method such as fractional crystallization or a chromatography. In addition, an optical isomer can also be produced from an appropriate
10 optically active starting compound.

Industrial Applicability

The compound of the invention is useful as an active ingredient for pharmaceutical preparations.

15 Particularly, since it has a Syk inhibitory activity, it is useful as an agent for preventing and treating the following diseases in which Syk takes part. The diseases in which an allergic or inflammatory reaction becomes the main cause (e.g., asthma, rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, nettle rash, food allergy, conjunctivitis, vernal conjunctivitis and the like);
20 autoimmune diseases (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, psoriasis and the like); cancers and the like; diseases in which immune reaction takes part (e.g., rejection at the time of organ transplantation, graft versus host disease and the like); diseases in which
25 ADCC takes part (e.g., autoimmune hemolytic anemia,

myasthenia gravis and the like); and diseases in which platelet agglutination takes part.

Actions of the compound of the invention have been confirmed by the following pharmacological tests.

5 1. Syk tyrosine kinase inhibition test

1) Preparation of Syk protein:

Human Syk gene, in the form where a gene of FLAG tag consisting of 8 amino acid residues was linked to the 3'-end, was cloned using RT-PCR method from total RNA 10 prepared from Jurkat cells. The amplified cDNA was incorporated into a vector, pFASTBAC HT, contained in Baculovirus Expression System (GIBCO BRL Inc.). The pFASTBAC HT is designed in such a manner that a His tag consisting of 6 histidine residues can be fused to the 5'- 15 end of Syk. This plasmid DNA was introduced into competent cells, DH10BAC, contained in the Baculovirus Expression System to prepare DNA of recombinant virus. Thereafter, the recombinant virus (culture supernatant) was obtained by transfection of the DNA of recombinant virus into Sf-9 20 cells (ATCC).

The Sf-9 cells infected with this recombinant virus were recovered and lysed using a lysis buffer containing 1% Triton X-100. After centrifugation of the soluble fraction, the supernatant was mixed with TALON 25 resin (CLONTECH) to allow the His-tag fused protein of Syk to be adsorbed by the resin. After several times of

washing of the resin, the His-tag fused protein of Syk was eluted with a buffer containing imidazole.

2) Preparation of Band 3 peptide:

A peptide of 18 amino acid residues

5 (MEELQDDYEDMMEEENLEQ) (Sequence No.: 1) containing Tyr-8 of human erythrocyte Band 3 (Harrison, M. L. et al., J. Biol. Chem., 269: 955-959 (1994)) was synthesized using a peptide synthesizer. Using a biotinylation kit manufactured by Pierce, the N-terminal of the peptide in a resin-linked 10 state was biotinylated, and purification was carried out using an HPLC.

3) Measurement of Syk tyrosine kinase activity using an SPA system:

SPA (Scintillation Proximity Assay) is a system 15 developed by Amersham making use of a phenomenon in which scintillation occurs when a molecule having a radioactivity is in the proximity of (linked to) the surface of plastic beads containing a scintillant included therein. These beads are coated in advance with streptoavidin to which the 20 biotin moiety of substrate peptide is bound.

A 2 μ l portion of a DMSO solution of a compound to be tested (final DMSO concentration, 4%) per well was added to 50 μ l of a reaction solution (composition: 0.2 μ g Syk, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8), 10 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 25 0.4 μ M Band 3 peptide and 0.1 μ Ci [γ -³³P]ATP (10 mCi/ml, Amersham)). This was prepared in OptiPlateTM (PACKARD) and

allowed to stand at room temperature (20 to 25°C) for 1 hour to effect tyrosine phosphorylation.

The reaction was terminated by adding PBS containing 0.25 mg SPA beads, 50 μ M ATP, 5 mM EDTA and 1% 5 Triton X-100 (reaction-terminating solution) in an amount of 150 μ l per well.

The plate was sealed, stirred, allowed to stand at room temperature for 15 minutes and then centrifuged at 1,500 rpm for 3 minutes to precipitate the SPA beads.

10 Radioactivity of each well was measured using TOP COUNT (PACKARD), and the tyrosine phosphorylation activity by Syk was calculated.

4) Results:

The compounds of Examples of the invention 15 exhibited an inhibitory activity of 0.05 μ M or less as IC₅₀ value against Syk. However, comparative compounds having a substituent in the carboxamido group, 2-(2-aminoethylamino)-N-methyl-4-(3-trifluoromethylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carboxamide and 2-(2-aminoethylamino)-N,N-dimethyl-4-(3-trifluoromethylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carboxamide did not 20 exhibit any inhibitory activity at 1 μ M.

2. Serotonin Release test

This was carried out in accordance with the method 25 reported by Collado-Escobar et al. (Collado-Escobar, D et al. J. Immunol., 144: 3449-3457 (1990)).

The compound of Examples 1, 2, 8, 10, and 11 exhibited an inhibitory activity of 0.1 μM or less as IC_{50} value against the release of serotonin.

3. Mouse passive cutaneous anaphylaxis (PCA) test

5 Male ICR (CD-1) mice of 5 weeks age were sensitized by subcutaneously injecting 10 μl of anti-dinitrophenyl-IgE (DNP-IgE) (1,000 times dilution of a roughly purified product of ascites of Balb/c mouse to which a DNP-IgE producing hybridoma had been administered

10 by intraperitoneal injection) into the right ear pinna while lightly anesthetizing with ether. After 24 hours of the sensitization, 200 μl of 0.5% Evans blue solution containing 50 μg of DNP-conjugated bovine serum albumin was intravenously administered, and, after 30 minutes, each

15 mouse was sacrificed through exsanguination to isolate both ears. Each test compound or the vehicle alone as a control was administered subcutaneously 30 minutes before the antigen challenge or orally 2 hours before the challenge.

The dye in the tissues was extracted with formamide and

20 colorimetrically determined at 620 nm. A value obtained by subtracting the dye content of the left ear from the dye content of the right ear was used as the amount of dye leaked into the tissues by the PCA reaction.

The PCA inhibition ratio by the test compound was

25 calculated based on the following equation. In the formula, C: amount of the dye leaked into the tissue at the time of the administration of the vehicle alone, and X:

amount of the dye leaked into the tissue at the time of the administration of the test compound.

$$\text{Inhibition ratio (\%)} = \{C - X\} \times 100/C$$

The compounds of Examples 1, 2, 8, 10 and 11

5 excellently suppressed PCA reaction.

From the results of the above experiments 1 to 3, it is confirmed that the compound of the invention inhibits the release of inflammatory mediator and suppresses the anaphylaxis reaction, and especially has a Syk inhibitory 10 activity. Thus, it is obvious that the compound is useful as an agent for preventing and treating the diseases in which Syk takes part.

The pharmaceutical composition comprising one or two or more of the compounds represented by the general 15 formula (I) or salts thereof as the active ingredient can be prepared by generally used methods using pharmaceutical carriers, fillers and the like which are generally used in this field. Its administration form may be either oral administration by tablets, pills, capsules, granules, 20 powders, liquids and the like, or parenteral administration by intravenous, intramuscular and the like injections, suppositories, eye drops, eye ointments, percutaneous liquids, ointments, percutaneous adhesive preparations, transmucosal liquids, transmucosal adhesive preparations, 25 inhalants and the like.

The solid composition for use in the oral administration according to the invention is used in the

form of tablets, powders, granules and the like. In such a solid composition, one or more active substances are mixed with at least one inert diluent such as lactose, mannitol, glucose, hydroxypropylcellulose, microcrystalline cellulose, starch, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, magnesium aluminate metasilicate. In accordance with a conventional method, the composition may contain other additives than the inert diluent, such as a lubricant, e.g., magnesium stearate or the like, a disintegrating agent, e.g., calcium 5 cellulose glycolate or the like, a stabilizing agent, e.g., lactose or the like, and a solubilization-assisting agent, e.g., glutamic acid, aspartic acid or the like. If necessary, tablets or pills may be coated with a sugar or a film of gastric or enteric substance such as sucrose, 10 gelatin, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose phthalate or the like.

The liquid composition for oral administration includes pharmaceutically acceptable emulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups, elixirs and the like and contains a generally used inert diluent such as purified water or ethanol. In addition to the inert diluent, this composition may also contain auxiliary agents such as a solubilizing agent, a moistening agent, a suspending agent and the like, as well as sweeteners, flavors, aromatics and 15 antiseptics.

The injections for parenteral administration include aseptic aqueous or non-aqueous solutions,

suspensions and emulsions. The aqueous solutions and suspensions include distilled water for injection or physiological saline. For the non-aqueous solutions and suspensions, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, 5 vegetable oil such as olive oil, alcohols such as ethanol, polysorbate 80 (trade name) and the like may be used. Such a composition may further contain auxiliary agents such as a tonicity, an antiseptic, a moisturizing agent, an emulsifying agent, a dispersing agent, a stabilizing agent 10 (e.g., lactose) and a solubilization-assisting agent (e.g., glutamic acid or aspartic acid). These compositions are sterilized by filtration through a bacteria-retaining filter, blending of a germicide, or irradiation. Alternatively, they may be used by firstly making into 15 sterile solid compositions and dissolving them in sterile water or a sterile solvent for injection prior to their use.

The transmucosal preparations such as transnasal preparations are in the solid, liquid or semisolid form and 20 can be produced by methods known per se. For example, they are formed into a solid, liquid or semisolid state by optionally adding known pH adjusting agents, antiseptics, thickeners, excipients and the like. The transnasal preparations are administered using generally used 25 sprayers, nasal drops containers, tubes, nasal cavity-inserting tools and the like.

In the case of oral administration, the suitable daily dose is generally from about 0.001 to 100 mg/kg body weight, preferably from 0.1 to 10 mg/kg, which is administered in one portion or by dividing into two to four doses. In the case of intravenous injection, the suitable daily dose is from about 0.0001 to 10 mg/kg body weight, which is administered in one portion or by dividing into several doses. In the case of transmucosal preparations, a dose of from about 0.001 to 10 mg/kg body weight is administered once a day or by dividing into several doses. The dose is optionally determined in consideration of symptoms, age, sex and the like at individual case.

Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

The following describes the invention further in detail based on Examples. Compounds of the invention are not limited to the compounds described in the following Examples. In addition, methods for producing starting compounds are shown as Reference Examples.

Reference Example 1

To a THF solution of 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine was added n-butyllithium under ice cooling and was further added a THF solution of 2,6-dichloropyrazine at -78°C. After 30 minutes of stirring, dry ice was added to the reaction mixture and, after 30 minutes of stirring, 1 M hydrochloric acid was added thereto. Thereafter, purification in the usual way afforded 3,5-

dichloropyrazine-2-carboxylic acid (pale yellow solid).

FAB-MS: 191 (M-H)⁻.

Reference Example 2

Thionyl chloride was added to 3,5-

5 dichloropyrazine-2-carboxylic acid, followed by heating to reflux for 30 minutes. Then, solvent was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure. Dichloromethane was added to the residue and aqueous ammonia was added thereto under ice cooling. After 1 hour of stirring, purification 10 in the usual way afforded 3,5-dichloropyrazine-2-carboxamide (pale yellow solid). FAB-MS: 192 (M+H)⁺.

Reference Example 3

Conc. hydrochloric acid was added to (1'S,1R,2S)-

15 N-[2-(1'-phenylethylamino)cyclohexylamino]benzamide monohydrochloride synthesized according to the method described in a literature (W. H. Schlichter and A. W. Frahm, Arch. Pharm., 326, 429-436 (1993)), followed by heating to reflux for 3 days. Thereafter, purification was carried out in the usual way and then formation of a salt 20 was carried out to obtain (1'S,1R,2S)-2-(1'-phenylethylamino)cyclohexylamine dihydrochloride (colorless solid). FAB-MS: 219 (M+H)⁺.

Reference Example 4

To an acetonitrile solution of 3,5-

25 dichloropyrazine-2-carboxamide were added 3-methylaniline and N,N-diisopropylethylamine, followed by heating to reflux for 17 hours. Thereafter, purification in the usual

way afforded 5-chloro-3-(3-methylanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide (yellow solid).

Reference Example 5

Potassium carbonate and 31% aqueous hydrogen peroxide solution were added to a DMSO solution of 6-(3-bromoanilino)-2-[cis-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)cyclohexylamino]-4-chloropyrimidine-5-carbonitrile, followed by stirring at room temperature for 13 hours. Thereafter, purification in the usual way afforded 6-(3-bromoanilino)-2-[cis-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)cyclohexylamino]-4-hydroxypyrimidine-5-carboxamide (yellow solid).

Reference Example 6

o-Chlorophenol and 60% sodium hydride were added to a mixture of 2-[cis-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)cyclohexylamino]-4-chloro-6-(3-methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carbonitrile and DMF, followed by stirring at room temperature for 30 minutes and at 70°C for 5 hours. Thereafter, purification in the usual way afforded 2-[cis-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)cyclohexylamino]-4-(2-chlorophenoxy)-6-(3-methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carbonitrile (colorless solid).

Reference Example 7

To a mixture of benzyl alcohol and DMF was added 60% sodium hydride under ice cooling and then 2-[cis-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)cyclohexylamino]-6-chloro-4-(3-

methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carbonitrile was added thereto, followed by stirring at 60°C for 40 minutes. Then, distilled water was added to the reaction liquid and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration. The 5 filtration product was treated in a similar manner to Reference Example 4 to obtain 2-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-4-benzyloxy-6-(3-methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carboxyamide (colorless solid).

In the following, using commercially available 10 compounds or compounds known in literatures and the like, the compounds of Reference Examples 8 to 23 shown in Table 1 were produced in a similar manner to above Reference Example 4, and the compounds of Reference Examples 24 and 25 shown in Table 1 were produced in a similar manner to 15 Reference Example 5 using corresponding starting materials. Structures and physicochemical data of the compounds of Reference Examples 4 to 25 are shown in Table 1.

Example 1

To a mixture of 233 mg of 6-chloro-2-(3-methylanilino)pyridine-3-carboxamide and toluene was added 20 486 mg of cis-1,2-cyclohexanediamine, followed by heating 486 mg of cis-1,2-cyclohexanediamine, followed by heating to reflux for 5 days. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration to obtain 172 mg of 6-(cis-2-aminohexylamino)-2-(3-methylanilino)pyridine-3-carboxamide 25 monohydrochloride as brown solid.

Example 2

To a mixture of 605 mg of 5-chloro-3-(3-methylanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide and 10 ml of acetonitrile was added 2.76 ml of cis-1,2-5 cyclohexanediamine, followed by heating to reflux for 4 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration. The resulting solid was dissolved in a mixed solvent of chloroform and 2-propanol. The solution was washed with 10 1 M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution and saturated saline, successively, and dried over sodium sulfate. Then, the solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was recrystallized from a mixed solvent of DMF-ethyl acetate to obtain 230 mg of 5-(cis-2-15 aminohexylamino)-3-(3-methylanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide as yellow crystals.

Example 3

To a mixture of 558 mg of 2-(cis-2-aminohexylamino)-4-benzyloxy-6-(3-methylanilino)pyrimidine-20 5-carboxamide, 10 ml of ethanol, and 20 ml of THF was added 200 mg of 10% palladium-carbon powder, followed by stirring at room temperature for 1 hour under hydrogen atmosphere of normal pressure. Distilled water was added to the reaction mixture, the resulting mixture was 25 filtrated, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from a mixed solvent of ethanol-water to obtain 267 mg of 2-(cis-2-

aminohexylamino)-4-hydroxy-6-(3-methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carboxamide as colorless solid.

Example 4

To a mixture of 326 mg of 6-(3-bromoanilino)-2-[cis-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)hexylamino]-4-hydroxypyrimidine-5-carboxamide and 10 ml of methanol was added 5 ml of a solution of 4 M hydrochloric acid-ethyl acetate, followed by stirring at room temperature for 12 hours. After the reaction, the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration to obtain 110 mg of 6-(3-bromoanilino)-2-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-4-hydroxypyrimidine-5-carboxamide (colorless solid).

The compounds of Examples 5 to 7 shown in Table 2 were produced in a similar manner to Example 1, the compounds of Examples 8 to 11 shown in Table 2 were produced in a similar manner to Example 2, the compounds of Examples 12 to 14 shown in Table 2 were produced in a similar manner to Example 3, and the compounds of Examples 15 and 16 were produced in a similar manner to Example 4, using corresponding raw materials. Structures and physicochemical data of the compounds of Examples 1 to 16 are shown in Table 2.

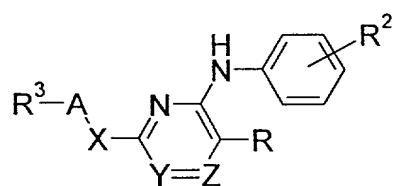
Also, structures of other compounds of the invention are shown in Tables 3 to 11. These compounds can be easily synthesized according to the aforementioned production methods and the methods described in the

Examples, as well as the methods which are obvious to those skilled in the art or modified methods thereof.

The following abbreviations are used in the tables. Also, the number before each substituent group indicates the substitution position, and plural numbers indicates plural substitutions. For example, 3,5-Me indicates 3,5-dimethyl.

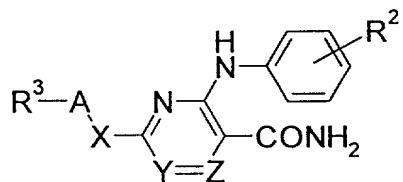
Rex: Reference Example number, Ex: Example number,
Cmpd: compound number, Ph: phenyl, Me: methyl, Et: ethyl,
10 tBu: tert-butyl, Boc: tBuO-CO-, Bn: benzyl, Ac: acetyl,
BCA: cis-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)cyclohexylamino, PEA:
(1'S,1R,2S)-2-(1'-phenylethylamino)cyclohexylamino, CCA:
cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino, ACA: (1R,2S)-2-
aminocyclohexylamino. Sal: salt (blank space: free form;
15 HCl: hydrochloride), Dat: physicochemical data (F: FAB-MS
(M+H)⁺; FN: FAB-MS (M-H)⁻; M: melting point (°C); A:
specific rotation [α]_D (MeOH)). Also, a compound in which
R² is 3,4-(CH)₄ represents a 2-naphthyl group together with
the adjacent benzene ring, and OCH₂O represents
20 methylenedioxy group.

Table 1

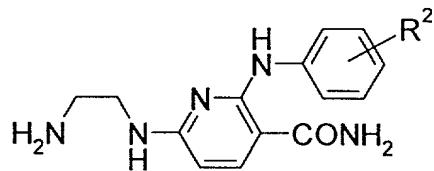


Rex	R ³ -A-X-	R ²	Y	Z	R	Dat
4	Cl	3-Me	CH	N	CONH ₂	F: 263
5	BCA	3-Br	N	C-OH	CONH ₂	F: 522
6	BCA	3-Me	N	C-O(2-Cl-Ph)	CN	F: 549
7	CCA	3-Me	N	C-OBn	CONH ₂	F: 447
8	Cl	3-MeO	CH	N	CONH ₂	F: 279
9	Cl	3-PhO	CH	N	CONH ₂	FN: 339
10	Cl	3,5-MeO	CH	N	CONH ₂	F: 309
11	Cl	4-MeS	CH	N	CONH ₂	F: 294
12	Cl	3-Me	CH	CH	CONH ₂	F: 262
13	Cl	3-CF ₃	CH	CH	CONH ₂	F: 316
14	Cl	3-Et	CH	CH	CONH ₂	F: 276
15	Cl	3,5-Me	CH	CH	CONH ₂	F: 276
16	Cl	3-Me	N	C-Cl	CN	F: 279
17	Cl	3-Br	N	C-Cl	CN	F: 344
18	BocHN^wN^zH	3-Me	N	C-Cl	CN	FN: 401
19	BCA	3-Me	N	C-Cl	CN	F: 457
20	BCA	3-Br	N	C-Cl	CN	F: 522
21	PEA	3-Me	CH	N	CONH ₂	F: 445
22	PEA	3-MeO	CH	N	CONH ₂	F: 461
23	PEA	3,5-MeO	CH	N	CONH ₂	F: 491
24	BocHN^wN^zH	3-Me	N	C-OH	CONH ₂	F: 403
25	BCA	3-Me	N	C-O(2-Cl-Ph)	CONH ₂	F: 567

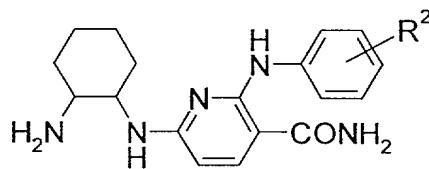
Table 2



Ex	R ³ -A-X-	R ²	Y	Z	Sal	Dat
1	CCA	3-Me	CH	CH	HCl	F:340
2	CCA	3-Me	CH	N		F:341; M:221-224
3	CCA	3-Me	N	C-OH		F:357; M:280-285
4	CCA	3-Br	N	C-OH	HCl	F:421, 423
5	H ₂ N^wN^zH	3-CF ₃	CH	CH		F:340; M:172-176
6	H ₂ N^wN^zH	3-Et	CH	CH		F: 300; M:134-136
7	CCA	3,5-Me	CH	CH	HCl	F:354
8	CCA	3-MeO	CH	N		F:357; M:194-197
9	CCA	3-PhO	CH	N		F:419
10	CCA	3,5-MeO	CH	N		F:387; M:210-212
11	CCA	4-MeS	CH	N		F:373
12	ACA	3-Me	CH	N		F:341; A:+78° (C=0.1)
13	ACA	3-MeO	CH	N		F:357; A:+89° (C=0.2)
14	ACA	3,5-MeO	CH	N		F:387; A:+82° (C=0.2)
15	CCA	3-Me	N	C-O(2-Cl-Ph)		F:467
16	H ₂ N^wN^zH	3-Me	N	C-OH		F:303

Table 3

Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
1	2-Br	10	2-H ₂ N	19	2-PhO	28	2-Bu
2	3-Br	11	3-H ₂ N	20	3-PhO	29	3-Bu
3	4-Br	12	4-H ₂ N	21	4-PhO	30	4-Bu
4	2-Cl	13	2-Ac	22	2-MeO	31	3,5-Cl
5	3-Cl	14	3-Ac	23	3-MeO	32	3,5-MeO
6	4-Cl	15	4-Ac	24	4-MeO	33	3,5-Me
7	2-HOCH ₂	16	2-MeS	25	2-Me	34	2,3-OCH ₂ O
8	3-HOCH ₂	17	3-MeS	26	3-Me	35	3,4-OCH ₂ O
9	4-HOCH ₂	18	4-MeS	27	4-Me	36	3,4-(CH) ₄

Table 4

Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
37	2-Br	46	2-H ₂ N	55	2-PhO	64	3-Et
38	3-Br	47	3-H ₂ N	56	3-PhO	65	4-Et
39	4-Br	48	4-H ₂ N	57	4-PhO	66	3-Pr
40	2-Cl	49	2-Ac	58	2-MeO	67	3-Bu
41	3-Cl	50	3-Ac	59	3-MeO	68	3,5-Cl
42	4-Cl	51	4-Ac	60	4-MeO	69	3,5-MeO
43	2-HOCH ₂	52	2-MeS	61	2-Me	70	2,3-OCH ₂ O
44	3-HOCH ₂	53	3-MeS	62	4-Me	71	3,4-OCH ₂ O
45	4-HOCH ₂	54	4-MeS	63	2-Et	72	3,4-(CH) ₄

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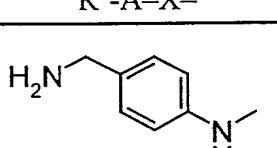
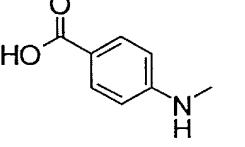
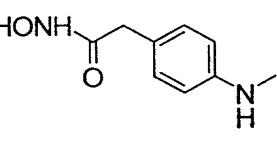
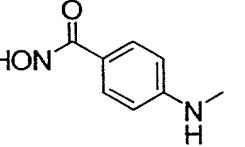
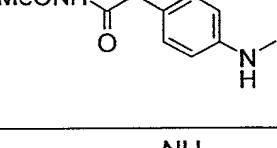
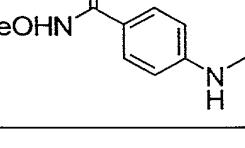
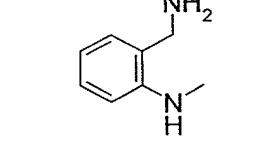
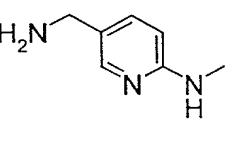
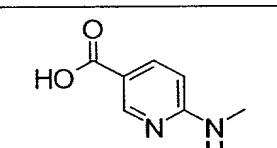
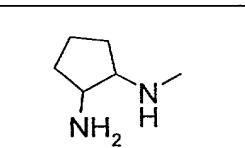
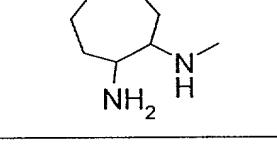
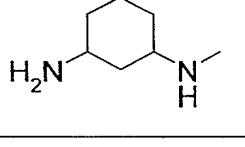
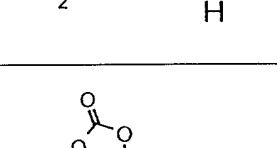
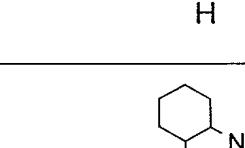
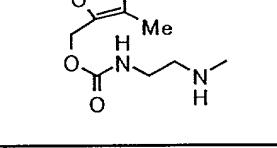
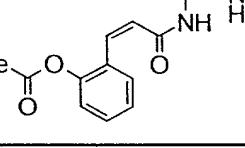
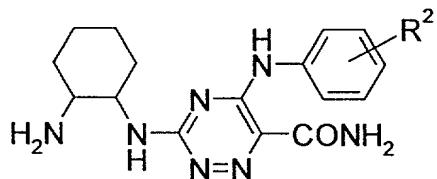
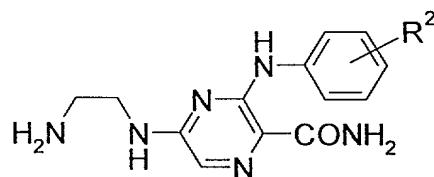
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75		3-MeO	99		3-MeO
76		3-Me	100		3-Me
77		3-Br	101		3-Br
78		3-MeO	102		3-MeO
79		3-Me	103		3-Me
80		3-Br	104		3-Br
81		3-MeO	105		3-MeO
82		3-Me	106		3-Me
83		3-Br	107		3-Br
84		3-MeO	108		3-MeO
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86		3-Br	110		3-Br
87		3-MeO	111		3-MeO
88		3-Me	112		3-Me
89		3-Br	113		3-Br
90		3-MeO	114		3-MeO
91		3-Me	115		3-Me
92		3-Br	116		3-Br
93		3-MeO	117		3-MeO
94		3-Me	118		3-Me
95		3-Br	119		3-Br
96		3-MeO	120		3-MeO

Table 6



Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
121	2-Br	130	2-H ₂ N	139	2-PhO	148	2-Et
122	3-Br	131	3-H ₂ N	140	3-PhO	149	3-Et
123	4-Br	132	4-H ₂ N	141	4-PhO	150	4-Et
124	2-Cl	133	2-Ac	142	2-MeO	151	3,5-Cl
125	3-Cl	134	3-Ac	143	3-MeO	152	3,5-MeO
126	4-Cl	135	4-Ac	144	4-MeO	153	3,5-Me
127	2-HOCH ₂	136	2-MeS	145	2-Me	154	2,3-OCH ₂ O
128	3-HOCH ₂	137	3-MeS	146	3-Me	155	3,4-OCH ₂ O
129	4-HOCH ₂	138	4-MeS	147	4-Me	156	3,4-(CH) ₄

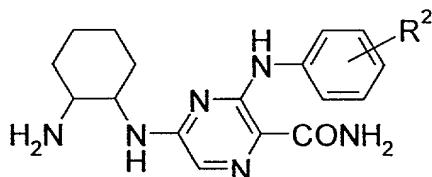
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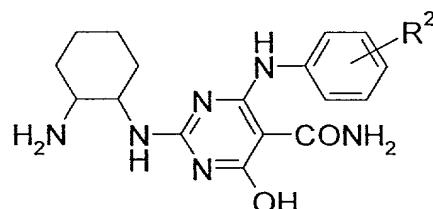
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158	3-Br	167	3-HOCH ₂	176	3-MeS	185	2-Et
159	4-Br	168	4-HOCH ₂	177	4-MeS	186	3-Et
160	2-Cl	169	2-H ₂ N	178	2-PhO	187	4-Et
161	3-Cl	170	3-H ₂ N	179	3-PhO	188	3,5-MeO
162	4-Cl	171	4-H ₂ N	180	4-PhO	189	3,5-Me
163	2-F	172	2-Ac	181	2-MeO	190	2,3-OCH ₂ O
164	3-F	173	3-Ac	182	4-MeO	191	3,4-OCH ₂ O
165	4-F	174	4-Ac	183	2-Me	192	3,4-(CH) ₄

Table 8

Cmpd	R^3-A-X-	R^2	Cmpd	R^3-A-X-	R^2
193		3-Me	217		3-Me
194		3-Br	218		3-Br
195		3-MeO	219		3-MeO
196		3-Me	220		3-Me
197		3-Br	221		3-Br
198		3-MeO	222		3-MeO
199		3-Me	223		3-Me
200		3-Br	224		3-Br
201		3-MeO	225		3-MeO
202		3-Me	226		3-Me
203		3-Br	227		3-Br
204		3-MeO	228		3-MeO
205		3-Me	229		3-Me
206		3-Br	230		3-Br
207		3-MeO	231		3-MeO
208		3-Me	232		3-Me
209		3-Br	233		3-Br
210		3-MeO	234		3-MeO
211		3-Me	235		3-Me
212		3-Br	236		3-Br
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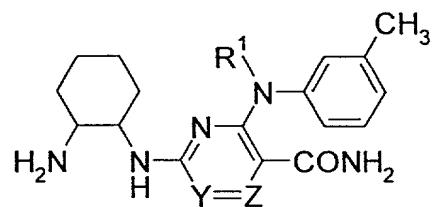
Table 9

Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
241	2-Br	250	2-H ₂ N	259	2-PhO	268	2-CN
242	4-Br	251	3-H ₂ N	260	4-PhO	269	3-CN
243	2-Cl	252	4-H ₂ N	261	2-MeO	270	4-CN
244	4-Cl	253	2-Ac	262	4-MeO	271	3,5-Br
245	2-F	254	3-Ac	263	2-Et	272	3,5-Cl
246	4-F	255	4-Ac	264	4-Et	273	3,5-F
247	2-HOCH ₂	256	2-MeS	265	2-NO ₂	274	2,3-OCH ₂ O
248	3-HOCH ₂	257	3-MeS	266	3-NO ₂	275	3,4-OCH ₂ O
249	4-HOCH ₂	258	4-MeS	267	4-NO ₂	276	3,4-(CH) ₄

Table 10

Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²	Cmpd	R ²
277	2-F	286	2-H ₂ N	295	2-PhO	304	2-Bu
278	3-F	287	3-H ₂ N	296	3-PhO	305	3-Bu
279	4-F	288	4-H ₂ N	297	4-PhO	306	4-Bu
280	2-Cl	289	2-Ac	298	2-MeO	307	3,5-Cl
281	3-Cl	290	3-Ac	299	3-MeO	308	3,5-MeO
282	4-Cl	291	4-Ac	300	4-MeO	309	3,5-Me
283	2-HOCH ₂	292	2-MeS	301	2-Et	310	2,3-OCH ₂ O
284	3-HOCH ₂	293	3-MeS	302	3-Et	311	3,4-OCH ₂ O
285	4-HOCH ₂	294	4-MeS	303	4-Et	312	3,4-(CH) ₄

Table 11

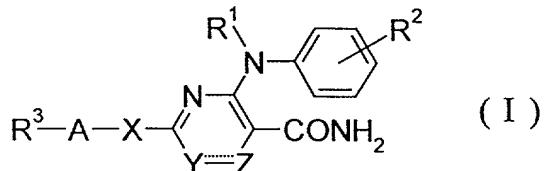


Cmpd	R¹	Y	Z	Cmpd	R¹	Y	Z
313	Me	CH	CH	319	H	N	C(NHPh)
314	Ac			320			C(NMePh)
315	MeSO₂			321			C-Me
316	Me	CH	N	322			C-Ph
317	Ac			323			C-OMe
318	MeSO₂						

Claims

1. A heterocyclecarboxamide derivative represented by the general formula (I) or a salt thereof.

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[wherein the symbols in the formula have the following meanings.

A: a lower alkylene which may have substituent(s), an

10 arylene which may have substituent(s), a heteroarylene which may have substituent(s), or a cycloalkylene which may have substituent(s);

X: NR⁴, CONR⁴, NR⁴CO, O, or S;

a dotted line between Y and Z: presence (Y=Z) or absence

15 (Y-Z) of a bond;

Y-Z: N(R⁵)-C(O), C(O)-N(R⁵), N(R⁵)-N(R⁵), or C(O)-C(O);

Y=Z: N=C(R⁶), C(R⁷)=N, N=N, or C(R⁷)=C(R⁷);

R¹, R⁴: H, a lower alkyl, -CO-lower alkyl, or -SO₂-lower alkyl;

20 R²: H, a lower alkyl, a halogen, a lower alkyl substituted by halogen(s), -O-lower alkyl, -S-lower alkyl, -O-aryl, -O-lower alkylene-aryl, -S-lower alkylene-aryl, nitro, or cyano group;

R³: -CO₂H, -CO₂-lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-CO₂H, -lower alylene-CO₂-lower alkyl, -CONHOH, -CONHO-lower

alkyl, -lower alkylene-CONHOH, -lower alkylene-CONHO-lower alkyl, -NH₂, -(NH₂ in a prodrug form), -lower alkylene-NH₂, or -lower alkylene-(NH₂ in a prodrug form);

R⁵: the same or different, H or a lower alkyl group;

5 R⁶: a lower alkyl, -OH, -O-lower alkyl, -O-aryl which may have substituent(s), -O-lower alkylene-aryl which may have substituent(s), -NR¹-aryl which may have substituent(s), -CO-lower alkyl, or -aryl group which may have substituent(s);

10 R⁷: the same or different, H or the same group as R⁶]

2. The compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein X is NR⁴ and A is a lower alkylene or cycloalkylene.

3. The compound or a salt thereof according to 15 claim 2, wherein Y=Z is N=C(R⁶), C(R⁷)=N, or C(R⁷)=C(R⁷).

4. The compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from 6-(2-aminoethylamino)-2-(3-ethylanilino)pyridine-3-carboxamide, 6-(2-aminoethylamino)-2-(3-trifluoromethylanilino)pyridine-3-carboxamide, 2-(2-aminoethylamino)-4-hydroxy-6-(3-methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carboxamide, 6-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-2-(3-methylanilino)pyridine-3-carboxamide, 6-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-2-(3,5-dimethylanilino)pyridine-3-carboxamide, 5-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-3-(3-methylanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide, 5-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-3-(3-methoxyanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide, 5-(cis-2-

aminocyclohexylamino)-3-(3-phenoxyanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide, 5-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-3-(4-methylsulfanylanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide, 5-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-3-(3,5-dimethoxyanilino)pyrazine-2-carboxamide, 2-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-4-hydroxy-6-(3-methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carboxamide, 2-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-4-(3-bromoanilino)-6-hydroxypyrimidine-5-carboxamide, and 2-(cis-2-aminocyclohexylamino)-4-(2-chlorophenoxy)-6-(3-methylanilino)pyrimidine-5-carboxamide.

5. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises the compound according to claim 1 or a salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises the compound according to claim 1 which is a Syk inhibitor or a salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Abstract

A nitrogen-containing six-membered heterocyclic compound having substituents $-X-A-R^3$, $-N(R^1)-(Ph$ substituted by R^2), and $-CONH_2$, or a salt thereof.

5 (The symbols have the following meanings.

A: a lower alkylene which may have substituent(s), an arylene which may have substituent(s), a heteroarylene which may have substituent(s), or a cycloalkylene which may have substituent(s);

10 X: NR^4 , $CONR^4$, NR^4CO , O, or S;
 R^1 , R^4 : H, a lower alkyl, $-CO$ -lower alkyl, or $-SO_2$ -lower alkyl;
 R^2 : H, a lower alkyl, a halogen, a lower alkyl substituted by halogen(s), $-O$ -lower alkyl, $-S$ -lower alkyl, $-O$ -aryl, $-O$ -
15 lower alkylene-aryl, $-S$ -lower alkylene-aryl, nitro, or cyano group;
 R^3 : $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2$ -lower alkyl, $-lower alkylene-CO_2H$, $-lower alkylene-CO_2$ -lower alkyl, $-CONHOH$, $-CONHO$ -lower alkyl, $-lower alkylene-CONHOH$, $-lower alkylene-CONHO$ -lower alkyl, $-NH_2$, $-(NH_2$ in a prodrug form), $-lower alkylene-NH_2$,
20 or $-lower alkylene-(NH_2$ in a prodrug form))

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